

On Thursday, November 9, 2017 3:54 PM, Cindi Stewart <cindi.stewart@columbusfumc.com> wrote:

## **First UMC / Email Blast**

### **This Weekend in Worship...**

**Sat @ 6 PM, Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM** – This weekend in worship, we are beginning a new sermon series, **thanks-living**, *pursuing a lifestyle of gratitude* with “With Cheerful Giving” with our focus passage of 2 Corinthians 9:6-15. Here about the Budget & Plans for 2018.

**Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM** – Join Rev. Seong as he begins a sermon series on the **Parables of Jesus** with “Parable of Ten Virgins” from Matthew 25:1-13. Bring a friend & ignite your faith! Remember to stay afterward for snacks & fellowship!

**Veterans Day Presentation-** Veterans Day is **Saturday, November 11**, and again this year we will have a presentation during our weekend worship services on **November 11 & 12** to remember our veterans. **Thank you, VETERANS, for your service!**

**Youth Pies** – The youth are selling pumpkin, pecan, or apple pies for \$10.00. **Orders will be taken until November 12.** Pies will be ready for pick up or delivery on the evening of November 18 in the church Fellowship Hall. Call the office (402) 564-8463 or contact Sarah Borgman if you would like to order a pie.

**Souper Soup** – Invite your neighbors, family and friends. We will be serving **Thursday, November 16 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.** and selling our FAMOUS soup, sandwiches, PIES, baked goods, and quilts. Prices are: \$3 for a soup bowl, \$2 for a cup of soup, \$2.50 for a sandwich, \$2.50 for a piece of pie, \$.50 for drinks, or pay \$8 for the meal deal which includes bowl of soup, full sandwich, pie, and a drink.

**WANTED: Chancel Choir Accompanist** – The Chancel Choir of the Church is looking for an accompanist to rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 PM, and to play for choir presentations on the first & third Sundays of the month. This is a paid position. For more information, please contact Rev. Cindi and/or Chancel Choir Director Sarah Cunningham. *Feel free to forward this information to others.*

**Holiday Grief Share** – On **Tuesday, November 21 @ 6 PM** in Room 006, Holiday Grief Share will be presented. This is an opportunity for those who are grieving to come together and to listen, to share and to find comfort as you prepare for this holiday season. RSVP to the Church Office by Mon. Nov. 20 to reserve your spot.

## **CALENDAR:**

**November 9 / 6 PM Prayer Team (CR) / 7 PM Serendipity Group (Zehring Home) / **\*\*\*7 PM CCC Concert in Sanctuary\*\*\*****

**November 11 / *Blood Pressure Checks / Veterans Day Presentation* / 8 AM Chili Cooking Day (FH) / 6 PM Worship Service**

**November 12 / *Blood Pressure Checks / Veterans Day Presentation* / 8 & 10:30 AM Worship / 9 AM Sunday School / 10 AM Fellowship Time (FH) / 4:30 PM Serendipity Group (OC-CmR) / 6 PM Ignite! / 6 PM Children's Church (OC-YU)**

**November 13 / 12 PM Bible & Bag (OC-WR) / 6:45 Program Committee Chair Meeting / 7 PM Evangelism, Worship, Education, and Mission Committee Meetings / 7 PM Serendipity (OC – MR)**

**November 14 / 9:30 AM Bible Study (CP) / 6:30 PM Serendipity Group (RM 207) / 7 PM Christian Social Witness (CP)**

**November 15 / 8 AM Prep for Souper Soup (FH +) / 5 PM Wednesday Night Meal (OC-YU) / 7 PM Youth Worship (OC-WR) / 7:15 PM Youth Groups (OC-YU) / 7:15 PM Organize Life / Bullet Journal (OC-MR)**

**November 16 / 6:30 AM Walking Group (OC-CmR) / **\*\*\*11 AM – 7 PM SOUPER SOUP\*\*\*** / 6 PM Prayer Team (CR) / 7 PM Serendipity Group (Zehring Home)**

## **Mark Your Calendars:**

**November 11 & 12 – Veterans Day Presentation / Stewardship Campaign: Thanks•Living**

**November 16 – Souper Soup Day 11 AM to 7 PM**

**November 18 & 19 – Youth Pie Baking & Selling!**

**November 20 – Church Conference @ Outreach Center**

**November 21 – Holiday Grief Share @ Church**

**November 25 & 26 – *Student Day Offering***

**November 26 – Hanging of the Greens @ Church and Outreach Center**

**Discipleship & Leadership Opportunities:** – Want to VOLUNTEER / SERVE in the Church? Watch this **\*newly added\*** section for opportunities! Email Erin Landon for more info: [ProgramCoordinator@columbusfumc.com](mailto:ProgramCoordinator@columbusfumc.com)

**Altar Guild / Pew Duty:** to serve by setting up the altar for the week. Pew Duty serves by making sure the pews are ready for service each week. Talk to Church Office for more information!

**Care Team needs a few more Caring People** to serve in a variety of ways: provide transportation to & from worship on the weekends and/or to medical appointments; make hospital visits and/or visits to homebound members; help to coordinate health & wellness activities. Care 101, 202 & 303 trainings available as scheduled. Talk to Rev. Cindi, Dee Kinkaid and/or Martha Davidson for more info. Trainings are open to all church family members & friends who want to develop their caring skills. Sign-up in the Church Office with Rev. Cindi. Thank you!

**Sound Techs** serve in weekly worship services and/or special events as scheduled (funerals, weddings, etc). **Training available!** Expectation would be to serve once a month (if we have enough volunteers). Talk to Jim Hanna or Kevin Whited for more info!

***Miscellaneous Items***

**Wednesday Night Line-Up** – Parents of Children & Youth, we have some activities at our Outreach Center from 7:15 to 8:15 PM each Wednesday! Join Rev. Cindi (and Guest Speakers) to learn & to grow!

**1<sup>st</sup> Wed: Parent Support (Meditation Room)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wed: Five Love Languages (Meditation Room)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wed: Organize Your Life / Using Bullet Journal (Meditation Room)**

**4<sup>th</sup> Wed: Scrap / Scan – getting your family memories in order (Craft Room)**

**5<sup>th</sup> Wed: Scrap / Scan – getting your family memories in order (Craft Room)**

**Blessing Box @ Outreach Center** / Thanks to Will Whited and his Eagle Scout project, the Outreach Center is taking another step to help stop hunger in the Columbus community. The concept of the **Blessing Box** is a simple one: “take what you need, leave what you can.” We are asking our members to help to stop food insecurity in our own neighborhoods! Simply drop off a nonperishable item at the Outreach Center or add an item or two to our Blessing Box, located in the front of the First UMC Outreach Center. Please consider donating to this wonderful program and watch our families flourish! If you have any questions, please call, text or e-mail Sandy Martensen (402-563-3107) at [wmartensen@neb.rr.com](mailto:wmartensen@neb.rr.com).

### **Community Connection!**

**Annual Soup Supper** – Peace Lutheran Church annual soup supper is on **Friday, November 10 from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm**. The menu that will be offered is chili, ham & bean, chicken noodle and desserts. Adults are \$6, Seniors 65 & up \$5, 6-11 years old \$4, and youth 5 and under are free. Proceeds benefit church youth program. There will also be women’s guild craft and bake sale.

**Hospice Memorial Service & Open House** – You are cordially invited to attend a Hospice Memorial Service & Open House **Sunday, November 12**, from 1:30 to 3 PM. Located in the third floor conference center at Columbus Community Hospital. A short program and welcome begins at 1:30 but feel free to join when you can.

**Harvest Dinner** - Immanuel Lutheran Church will be hosting our Annual Harvest Dinner, **November 12** at the Immanuel Family Life Center (1470 23 Avenue) from **11:30AM to 1:30PM**. The cost is \$10 for adults, children 6-12 are \$5 and children under 5 are free. Our menu is turkey and all the trimmings. Proceeds will be applied to the Youth Mission Trip and Camp Luther Summer Camp! Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance by calling the Immanuel church office at 402-564-0502.

**Festival of Trees** - Columbus Women's Club is having their 38<sup>th</sup> annual Festival of Trees will be held in the lower level of the Library on **Thursday, November 16** from noon to 8 pm, **Friday and Saturday November 17 & 18** from noon to 4:30 pm and **Sunday November 19** from 1:30 to 4:30. Advance tickets are selling for \$5. They are available from Club members, Art Editions, Tooley Drug and the Columbus Arty Gallery. Tickets at the door are \$6. All tickets include cookies and a beverage.

**Holiday Open House** – Kick off the holiday season early by attending the 16th annual holiday open house. Hosted by Columbus Community Hospital Volunteers on **Friday, November 17 from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM** in the third floor conference center. Holiday entertaining and serving items include: Pepper Jellies and Dip Mixes, Children's Christmas Books, Holiday Jewelry, Holiday Home Décor, Women's Shawls and Mittens, Holiday Baby Clothes and Accessories, Christmas Tree Ornaments, Stocking Stuffers, Teacher Gifts and Hostess Gifts and much more! Refreshments will be served including coffee, hot apple cider, and home-baked cookies!

**ERT Training** – ERT Training will be held on **November 18 from 9 AM to 5 PM**, AT Central City Fairview. Participants will need to register online at the conference website. There is a \$25.00 cost which covers the workbook, T-shirt, and lunch. Safe Gatherings certification is a pre-requisite to receiving the ERT badge.

**Thanksgiving Food Baskets** - Living Water Rescue Mission is preparing to give out Thanksgiving baskets to the poor. We will need all the fixings to put in the baskets. As you shop, would you please consider a Thanksgiving Basket fixings and a card for another family? The shopping list includes a turkey, aluminum roasting pan, 5 lbs of potatoes, 2 cans of sweet potatoes, 2 cans of corn or beans, 1 box of dressing, 1 can of turkey gravy, 1 can of cranberry sauce, 1 can of pumpkin pie filling and a pie crust. The cost of all this at the time of this letter

is around \$40.00. If you would prefer to give a cash donation, please call 402-563-1096. Thank you to ADM Cares for their help in providing this.

**Great Plains Active Shooter Awareness** - Hastings Grace UMC will be offering the Great Plains Annual Conference Active Shooter Awareness class on **Friday, Dec. 1 at 1 PM**. Rev. Hollie Tapley, Disaster Response Coordinator, will be leading the class at the church 1832 W. 9<sup>th</sup> St. Columbus folks: if you are interested in attending, please contact the Church Office; we will try to get church members to carpool together.

**Prairie Rivers District Mission Trip Opportunity – PLEASE SIGN-UP ASAP!!!** The Prairie Rivers District is forming a district wide missions team to go to Texas this coming January to help with the recovery work from Hurricane Harvey. Please join Pastors Russ Anderson and Martin Leeper **January 28 – February 3**. The exact location is yet to be determined. This mission opportunity is for laity and clergy alike. Call Pastor Russ at 308-382-1952, or Pastor Martin at 402-741-2362 for more information. The Prairie Rivers District will help with some of the expenses keeping the cost per person low. The expected cost per person is \$200 (housing, food budget, fuel cost sharing, ect.). Volunteer in Mission (VIM) team training events will be held throughout the district for those wishing to join the mission team. Please look for information on when and where they will be held. **PLEASE SIGN-UP ASAP!!!**